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*House Meets at 11:00 a.m. for Legislative Business
(No Votes Expected Before 12:00 Noon)*

Anticipated Floor Action:

H.Con.Res. 17—Resolution Congratulating the People of Guatemala on the Success of Recent Negotiations to Establish a Peace Process

H.Con.Res. 18—Resolution Congratulating the People of the Republic of Nicaragua on the Success of their Democratic Elections

S.Con.Res. 4—Resolution Commending and Thanking the Honorable Warren Christopher for His Exemplary Service as Secretary of State



Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules

Floor Situation: The House will consider the following three resolutions under suspension of the rules as its only order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

H.Con.Res. 17 congratulates the people of Guatemala and President Alvaro Arzu on the success of recent negotiations which established a peace process for Guatemala. It recognizes the commitment of the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity (URNG) to agree to end the devastating warfare and to resolve its differences with the current government in a peaceful manner within a democratic political arena. Finally, the resolution affirms the commitment of the United States to help support a sustainable peace and development of strong democratic institutions in Guatemala. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Gallegly and was ordered reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on March 4, 1997.

H.Con.Res. 18 congratulates the people of the Republic of Nicaragua on the success of their recent democratic election, which was held on October 20, 1996, after which Arnoldo Aleman was officially declared the winner of the presidential race. Furthermore, the resolution congratulates Presi-

dent Violeta Barrios de Chamorro for her personal courage and commitment to democracy. It encourages all Nicaraguans to continue to work together to ensure a stable democracy, respect human rights, maintain a free and market-oriented economy, and uphold social justice for all people. Moreover, the resolution reaffirms the commitment of the U.S. to help the Republic of Nicaragua move toward freedom and democracy, and restates that the U.S. is committed to encouraging democracy and peaceful development throughout the Western Hemisphere. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Houghton and was ordered reported by the International Relations Committee by voice vote on March 4, 1997.

S.Con.Res. 4 commends and thanks the Honorable Warren Christopher for his extraordinary service as Secretary of State. Mr. Christopher served as Secretary of State from 1993 until 1997. During his tenure he set an unprecedented benchmark by becoming the most traveled Secretary of State in United States history. While representing the U.S. for the State Department, he traveled over 700,000 miles to numerous countries around the globe. Secretary Christopher's extensive efforts in negotiating peace in the Middle East brought him to Israel 35 times and Syria 24 times. He contributed to many breakthroughs in relations between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, Israel and Jordan, as well as progress toward Arab-Israeli reconciliation. In addition to his work in the Middle East, Secretary Christopher took part in ending the war in Bosnia and restoring an elected government in Haiti. The resolution was referred to the House on February 5, 1997.

Additional Information: See *Legislative Digest*, Vol. XXVI, #5, February 28, 1997.



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